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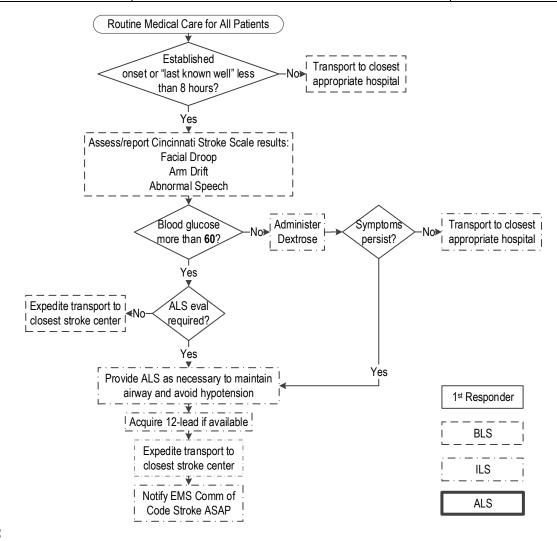
MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS PRACTICE GUIDELINE CEREBROVASCULAR

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ACCIDENT/ TRANSIENT ISCHEMIC ATTACK (CVA/TIA)

History:	Signs/Symptoms:	Working Assessment:
High blood pressure	Unilateral paralysis or weakness	CVA or TIA
Cigarette smoking	Numbness, weakness	
History of CVA or TIAs	Facial droop	Consider other causes:
Heart Disease	Language disturbance	Hypoglycemia/metabolic disorder
Diabetes mellitus	Visual disturbance	Seizure disorder
Atrial fibrillation	Monocular blindness	Trauma
Medications (anticoagulants)	Vertigo	Ingestion/intoxication
Positive family history	Headache	Infection
Recent surgery	Seizures	Migraine
		Tumor



NOTES:

- Report to receiving hospital should include positive and negative results for Cincinnati Stroke Scale, addressing all three areas. Take precautions to avoid accidental injury to paralyzed extremities during patient movement.
- Minimize scene time to less than 10 minutes if last known well time is established as less than 8 hours.
- Do not administer oral medications